



CRICKHOWELL RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL



REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1945.

FROM 1st JANUARY - 30th JUNE, 1945, FOR
DR. J.S. TOWNLEY (RESIGNED) AND FROM
1st JULY - 31st DECEMBER, 1945, FOR DR.
T.R. SUTHERLAND.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit a brief report for the year 1945, on the lines indicated by the Welsh Board of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Population -- Registrar General's estimate = 6,500.

Total Births = 128. Male 62. Female 66.

Total Deaths = 91. Male 43. Female 48.

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population = 19.69

Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population = 14.

Still Births = 2. Rate per 1,000 = 15.62

Transferable Deaths = 30. Inward 22. Outward 8.

Infantile Mortality Rate = 54.31 per 1,000.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

DEATHS.

<u>Causes.</u>	M.	F.
All Causes	62	66
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	0	0
2. Cerebro-spinal Fever	0	0
3. Scarlet Fever	0	0
4. Whooping Cough	1	0
5. Diphtheria	0	0
6. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	2	0
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis	0	1
8. Syphilitic Diseases	2	0
9. Influenza	0	0
10. Measles	0	0
11. Acute Poliomyelitis & Polio Encephalitis	0	0
12. Acute Infective Encephalitis	0	0
13. Cancer of Buccal Cavity & Oesophagus (M)	0	0
Uterus (F)	0	0
14. Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	1	0
15. Cancer of Breast	0	0
16. Cancer of all other sites	2	3
17. Diabetes	0	0
18. Intra-cranial vascular lesions	3	10
19. Heart Disease	8	10
20. Other Diseases of Circulatory System	1	2
21. Bronchitis	4	1
22. Pneumonia	3	7
23. Other Respiratory Diseases	1	0
24. Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	1	0
25. Diarrhoea under 2 years	0	0
26. Appendicitis	0	0
27. Other Digestive Diseases	3	2
28. Nephritis	0	2
29. Puerperal & Post-abortion Sepsis	0	0
30. Other maternal causes	0	0
31. Premature Birth	1	2
32. Congenital Malformation; Birth Injuries; Infantile Diseases	1	2

Causes.	M.	F.
33. Suicide	0	0
34. Road Traffic Accidents	0	0
35. Other violent causes	2	0
36. All other causes	7	6

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Inspections have been carried out continuously throughout the year in this District and Informal Notices have been served where necessary.

Inspections made	--	1,509
Informal Notices	--	150
Statutory Notices	--	nil

W A T E R.

The Council have under consideration the following schemes:-

CRICKHOWELL. The extension of the mains for housing development and the establishment of a factory. There was no shortage of water during the year, but to meet the contemplated increase in demand and possible shortage during a drought season, the Council are giving consideration to (a) a scheme to supply the lower levels of the town from the Newport Corporation's main which passes through the district, and (b) the provision of an open-air, or closed, reservoir near the Wern Farm, to provide additional storage.

LLANGATTOCK. This Parish is well supplied with water and it is believed that there is sufficient surplus for the proposed new houses and contemplated sewerage scheme.

CWMDU. The existing supplies meet all demands.

LLANGYNIDR. A scheme is under consideration for the abolition of the existing springs and the acquiring of water from the Newport Corporation, also extension to, and replacement of, the existing mains.

LLANGENNY. A scheme to harness a spring on the slopes of the Sugar Loaf mountain for the supply of Glangrwyney and Llangenny in place of the existing supplies is under consideration.

LLANBEDR. The existing scheme meets all demands except during a severe drought, but if new houses are erected the Council will have to give consideration to securing an additional supply.

LLANELLY. The Council have under consideration a scheme to supply the villages of Cwmantgam, Gelly and Waenavon from the Abertillery Water Board's main which passes through the Parish.

PARTRISHOW. This is a scattered Parish with a few houses and they have their own private supplies.

All the Parishes with the exception of Partrishow have piped supplies. All springs being properly built in and water piped therefrom to closed storage tanks and therefrom, with a few exceptions, to the respective houses. The water is not treated.

Bacteriological samples of all supplies have been taken during 1946, and these will be dealt with in my next report.

About seven eighths of the population obtain their water from piped supplies. Of these about three quarters have water laid on to their houses, the remainder to public standpipes.

Population receiving water from piped supplies	=	5687	approx.
" " " direct to houses	=	4265	"
" " " by standpipes	=	1422	"

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Sewerage schemes for the villages of Llangattock and Gilwern have been prepared and an endeavour is being made to take over the ex-army Sewage Disposal Works at Court-y.-Gollen and Gilwern respectively for the foregoing. If the former fructifies the existing Sewage Disposal Works at Crickhowell will be abandoned and Crickhowell connected to Court-y-Gollen. Failing this, a new Sewage Disposal Works will be erected at Crickhowell as was contemplated before the War.

H O U S I N G.

Plans received:--

Nature of plan.	Situation.	Parish.
Conversion of Garage into Shop.	Gilwern.	Llanelly
*House.	Bwlch	Cwmdu
Cottage	Bwlch	Cwmdu
Electricity Extension	Glanusk	Llangattock
*Bungalow	Llangynidr	Llangynidr
Cow House & Dairy	Crickhowell	Crickhowell.
Electricity Extension	Bwlch	Cwmdu
Electricity Extension	Gilwern	Llanelly
Electricity Extension	Crickhowell	Crickhowell
Conversion of Old Forge into Shop and Garage.	Gilwern	Llanelly
Sanitary Improvements	Llanelly Hill	Llanelly
Electricity Extension	Crickhowell	Crickhowell
*Alterations		

New Houses.

The Council has ambitious schemes to provide new houses in the various Parishes and work has already begun in Crickhowell and Clydach. It is anticipated that before the end of 1946 about two hundred houses will have been decided upon.

Refuse Disposal.

The Refuse Collection and Disposal Scheme has been extended to all the Parishes with the exception of

Partrishow.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The following goods, on inspection, were found to be unfit and voluntarily surrendered:-

28 lbs. Sausages
 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Meat
 30 lbs. Cheese
 189 lbs. Rolled Oats
 156 lbs. Apples
 1,275 lbs. Oranges
 42 lbs. Cabbages
 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Butter
 42 lbs. Bacon
 34 lbs. Ham
 10 lbs. Tomatoes
 67 loaves Bread
 2 pots Salad Cream
 65 Pkts. Bicarbonate of Soda
 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwts. Potatoes
 1 Gammon
 1 tin Meat Extract
 15 tins Meat
 4 tins Salmon
 3 tins Herrings
 1 tin Marmalade
 23 tins Beans
 7 tins Pilchards
 3 tins Soup
 61 tins Paste
 3 tins Shrimps
 407 tins Milk
 4 tins Spinach
 1 tin Raspberry Jam
 1 tin Beans and Pork

M I L K.

The frequent sampling of milk in this area by this Department, in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture, has done much to maintain a high standard of cleanliness.

The following is a record of the samples taken during 1945.

<u>A.</u>	<u>B.</u>	<u>C.</u>
178.	64.	38.
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Total number of samples taken during year = 280.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

The following cases (other than Tuberculosis) were notified during the year:-

<u>Diseases.</u>	<u>Cases.</u>
Pneumonia	17
Measles	63
Dysentery	5
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	2
Malaria	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	1
Erysipelas	1
Scarlet Fever	11
Whooping Cough	20
Mumps	3

Diphtheria Prophylaxis.

During the year 62 children were immunised against Diphtheria; 42 were children under 5 years of age and 20 were children over 5 years of age.

The number of children immunised at 31st December, 1945, were as follows:-

Under 5 years	469
Between 5 & 15 years	639
	<u>808</u>
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The estimated population of children up to 15 years at mid 1945 was 1,607.

Tuberculosis.

A schedule of new cases and removals from the Register is given below:-

New Cases				Removals from Register			
Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
3	1	0	1	2	0	0	1

S C H O O L S.

The following is a table showing schools in the district closed during the year and reasons for closure:-

<u>School.</u>	<u>Closed.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
Llanbedr V.P.	15.12.44 - 15.1.45.	Whooping Cough
Crickhowell V.P.	18.12.44 - 15.1.45.	Measles & Whooping Cough.

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School.	Closed.	Reason.
Crickhowell Senior	9.1.45 - 15.1.45.	Measles & Whooping Cough.
Llangattock V.P.	14.7.45 - after summer holidays.	Measles.

Your obedient Servant,

T.R. SUTHERLAND.

Medical Officer of Health.

October, 1946.

